

# CALIFORNIA WILDLAND FIRE COORDINATING GROUP



DATE: February 9th, 2016

SUBJECT: Weather Information Management System (WIMS)

TO: Course Participant

Congratulations! You have been selected for the *Weather Information Management System (WIMS)* session to be conducted at the *Wildland Fire Training Center* on *March 8<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup>, 2016*. Class will begin at *0800 hours on Tuesday, March 8<sup>th</sup>* and conclude on *Thursday, March 10<sup>th</sup> at 1700 hours*. To receive a certificate of completion for this course, you must attend from the scheduled opening to the scheduled completion; please make your travel plans accordingly. There will be no exceptions.

## **Objectives:**

1. The course is designed to provide the student with a hands on learning and confidence building experience in a classroom environment with WIMS subject matter experts.
2. Learning Weather Information Management System (WIMS) will enable users to understand the processes, procedures, and system functions that will enable them to eliminate errors that affect WIMS Outputs and Firefighter Safety and efficiently manage day to day WIMS operations.

## **Special Student Information:**

The following topics will be covered in the WIMS class. Reviewing these topics before the class will enhance your learning experience and better prepare you for the course materials. Use the link listed below to access material in advance to gain a jump start on course topics.

## **Course will cover:**

- Basic NFDRS overview for clarification of process and outputs
- System navigation
- Familiarity with WIMS screens for observations and outputs
- System functionality for daily procedures
- Data Quality control procedures
- Troubleshooting data and station catalog related problems
- Managing the fuel moisture model for proper system operation
- Interaction with National Weather Service

The WIMS User Guide may be accessed at the following link: [http://fam.nwcg.gov/fam-web/pocketcards/wims\\_ug\\_final/wims\\_ug.html](http://fam.nwcg.gov/fam-web/pocketcards/wims_ug_final/wims_ug.html)

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If you have any questions, please contact Course Coordinator Keren Sites at the Wildland Fire Training Center at [kksites@fs.fed.us](mailto:kksites@fs.fed.us) or 916-640-1130.

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